

***SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD***

Washington, DC 20423

Office of Economics, Environmental Analysis, and Administration

M.D. Emmerson  
Sierra Pacific Industries  
P.O. Box 496014  
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May 19, 2008

RE: STB Docket No. AB-512X, Sierra Pacific Industries – Abandonment Exemption  
– in Amador County, CA

Dear Mr. Emmerson:

The Surface Transportation Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) has completed its review of Sierra Pacific Industries's (SPI) proposed abandonment of an approximately 12-mile rail line in Amador County, California, pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, 16 U.S.C. 470f.

As you know, the Amador Central Railroad District and associated historic resources were found to be eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. After consultation with SPI, the California Office of Historic Preservation (State Historic Preservation Office or SHPO) and other interested parties, SEA concluded that the proposed abandonment would have an adverse effect on these historic properties. As a result of the Section 106 consultation process, SEA developed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) pursuant to 36 CFR 800.6.

I have enclosed six copies of the MOA for your review and signature. **If you agree to the terms of the MOA, please sign all six copies at the appropriate line and then send all six originals to the SHPO for signature:**

California Department of Parks and Recreation  
Office of Historic Preservation  
Attn: Susan Stratton, Senior State Archaeologist  
1416 9th Street, Room 1442  
Sacramento, California 94296

If you have questions regarding the MOA or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 245-0299. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christa Dean".

Christa Dean  
Attorney  
Section of Environmental Analysis

Enclosure